

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 11-14, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,243,707 to Humpleman et al., (hereinafter "Humpleman"). Additionally, the Examiner rejects claims 2, 4, 5-7, 9, 10, 17, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,505,348 to Knowles et al., (hereinafter "Knowles"). Furthermore, the Examiner rejects claims 3 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002-0073081 A1 to Kido (hereinafter "Kido"). Lastly, the Examiner rejects claims 8 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman.

In response, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a) for at least the reasons set forth below.

Humpleman discloses a system whereby a generic EPG is converted to a standard program format that is used to build an HTML program guide. The HTML program guide is processed by one or more home devices connected to a home network.

In contrast, claim 1 recites:

"... the portion of the content-related information so configured thereby being suitable for processing by at least the electronic program guide of the first type."

Applicants respectfully submit that such a feature is not shown or suggested in Humpleman. Independent claims 16-19 contain a similar recitation and patentably distinguish over Humpleman for at least the same reasons discussed above with regard to claim 1.

With regard to the rejection of claims 1, 11-14, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), a method for processing content-related information and a method for use in a processing device configured to support an electronic program guide having the features discussed above, and as recited in independent claims 1 and 16, respectively, is nowhere disclosed in Humpleman. Since it has been decided that “anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference, disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, arranged as in the claim,”¹ independent claims 1 and 16 are not anticipated by Humpleman. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 16 patentably distinguish over Humpleman and are allowable. Claims 11-14 being dependent upon claim 1 are thus at least allowable therewith. Consequently, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 11-14, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

With regard to claims 2-10 and 15, since independent claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the prior art and is allowable, claims 2-10 and 15 are at least allowable therewith because they depend from an allowable base claim.

With regard to the rejections of claims 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), independent claims 17-19 are not rendered obvious by the cited references because neither the Humpleman patent, the Kido patent, nor the Knowles patent, whether taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest an apparatus for processing content-related information, an apparatus associated with a processing device configured to support an electronic program guide, and an article of manufacture for processing content-related information having the features discussed above and recited in independent claims 17-19, respectively. Accordingly, claims 17-19 patentably distinguish over the prior art and are allowable. Consequently, the

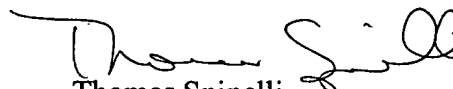
¹ Lindeman Maschinenfabrik GMBH v. American Hoist and Derrick Company, 730 F.2d 1452, 1458; 221 U.S.P.Q. 481, 485 (Fed. Cir., 1984).



Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of claims 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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